

REMARKS**1. Objection to the title of the invention being not descriptive, first paragraph:**

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The title of the invention has been amended as per AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION heading above. The title is amended based on claim 1. No new matter is introduced.

10 Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

2. Amendment to paragraph [0039] of the specification:

15 Paragraph [0039] is amended to insert a space between two different words for correcting a typo. No new matter is introduced.

3. Rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by MONS (6,353,580), fourth paragraph:

20 Forthcoming arguments will refer to the two steps of claim 1 which were written as: "using the optical pickup to record a table of contents in the lead-in area of the session of the optical disc" and "using the optical pickup to record descriptive data corresponding to the table of contents in the lead-in area of the session".

25 In the Office action, the examiner states that "using the optical pickup to record a table of contents in the lead-in area of the session of the optical disc" is taught in Mons' fig. 6. The examiner claims that Master TOC 134 is recorded on lead-in area of the disk. However, Mons has not taught where Master TOC 134 is recorded. In col. 5, lines 57-60, Mons claims that the Master TOC is stored at a "uniformly standardized
30 offset position with respect to the start of the Lead-in area" which could mean that the Master Toc is stored outside the lead-in area.

- In the Office action, the examiner also states that “**using the optical pickup to record descriptive data corresponding to the table of contents in the lead-in area of the session**” is taught in Mons’ fig. 6. The examiner claims that sub-TOC 136 is recorded on lead-in area of the disk. However, Mons has not taught where sub-TOC 136 is stored. In col. 5, lines 60-63, Mons states that “the Master-TOC measures only one standard-size sector and primarily contains pointers to the various Sub-TOCs”, yet it does not say that the sub-TOCs are to be stored in the lead-in area, meaning they could be recorded elsewhere.
- Furthermore, Mons’ fig. 6 itself reinforces the fact that the Master-TOC and the sub-TOCs are not stored in the lead-in area. According to his own admission, in col.5 lines 55-56, Mons leaves out of fig.6 the lead-in and lead-out boxes, for “clarity” reasons. The complete fig.6 would otherwise look like this:

Lead In	File System	Master TOC	Sub TOC	Stereo	Sub TOC	Multi Channel	Extra Data	Lead out
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Figure 6 (complete)

- In the figure above, Mons’ portrayal of the Lead In, Master-TOC and Sub-TOC “elements” into identical, non-overlapping boxes further dispels the notion that Master TOC and Sub TOC are stored inside the Lead In. Judging from the separate, identical and sequential boxes, one could believe that the Master TOC and the Sub TOCs could be stored after the Lead In and the File System boxes end.

- In view of the above arguments, it is believed that claim 1 is patentable over the cited prior art.

4. Rejection of claim 2-10 under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by MONS (6,353,580), fourth paragraph:

- Claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1 and should be patentable if claim 1 is patentable. Reconsideration of claims 2-10 is requested.

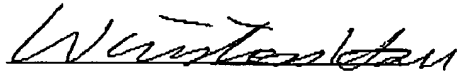
5. Rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over MONS (6,353,580), seventh paragraph:

- 5 Claim 11 are dependent on claim 1 and should be patentable if claim 1 is patentable. Reconsideration of claim 11 is requested.

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Sincerely,

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